

REMARKS

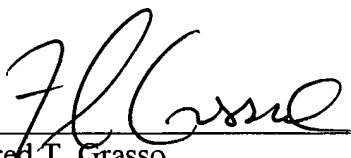
Claims 1-49 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-8, 10-23, and 25-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,454,652 to Huellemeier in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,234,961 to Gray.

The undersigned submits that the pending claims are clearly patentable over these references. Moreover, the undersigned also submits that the combination of references made in the Office action is improper for several reasons, one of which is that the Office action uses hindsight as a basis for providing the suggested motivations; no objective evidence supporting the 103 rejections is provided. If these rejections are repeated in future actions, objective evidence, rather than argument, is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and credit any overpayments associated with this filing to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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